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IN REPLY REFER TO

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July 31, 2018

Mr. Daniel E. DeCicco
Darger Erante Yavitz & Blau
116 East 27th Street
12th Floor
New York, NY 10016

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2018-007698

Dear Mr. DeCicco :

This is a final response to your May 29, 2018 request for records relating to the presence, application, use, purchase, or abatement of asbestos-containing materials and products in connection with or on board the USS Ingraham. Any records relating to the sellers, manufacturers, or suppliers of any asbestos-containing materials used in connection with the USS Ingraham.

A thorough search of our records has failed to disclose information responsive to your request. We conducted a thorough search of our Navy Asbestos Litigation Support Office (NAVALSO) and the NAVALSO Database. The NAVALSO office and database contains all asbestos related documents in the possession of Navy. During the search we discovered that the database contains no records regarding the Department of Navy's knowledge regarding hazards of asbestos and asbestos containing materials, policies and procedures regarding handling of asbestos containing materials, and policies and procedures regarding work in presence of asbestos containing materials.

If you believe that we did not conduct an adequate search, you may file an administrative appeal. Your appeal should contain an explanation as to why you believe our search was inadequate and must be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter.

If you file an appeal, attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal letter and the envelope FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL. Mail the original appeal to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20350. Mail a copy of your appeal to the COMMANDER, NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND, (SEA 00A5), 1333 ISAAC HULL AVENUE SE, WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20376-1021.

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For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, ogis@nara.gov.

Fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment; however, fees are assessed on a case-by-case basis and you may be charged fees on future requests.

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact Mr. Damon Purifory, at 202-781-4969.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna M. Hamlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DONNA M. HAMLIN
By direction